



NEWS RELEASE

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FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES

Northbound and southbound Long Beach Freeway (Interstate 710)

SOUTH GATE to NORTH LONG BEACH: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct an extended weekend closure on the northbound and southbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710) from the Artesia Freeway (State Route 91) to the Glenn Anderson Freeway (I-105). The work is part of the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from the San Diego Freeway (I-405) to Firestone Boulevard. Twice this weekend, I-710 will fully close to motorists as follows:

FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE: Northbound and southbound I-710 from SR-91 to I-105

- Saturday, February 21, 2009, 12:01 a.m. to 7 a.m.
- Sunday, February 22, 2009, 11 p.m. to Monday, February 23, 2009, 5 a.m.

CLOSED ON-RAMPS:

- Long Beach Boulevard on-ramp to northbound I-710
- Imperial Highway on-ramps to southbound I-710
- Alondra Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue on-ramps to northbound and southbound I-710

CLOSED FREEWAY CONNECTORS:

- Eastbound and westbound SR-91 to northbound I-710
- Eastbound and westbound I-105 to southbound I-710

Beginning Saturday 7 a.m. until Sunday 11 p.m., a reduced number of lanes will be available to motorists - two lanes for northbound traffic flow and three lanes for southbound traffic. All traffic flow will occur on the northbound I-710 lanes; construction work will continue throughout the weekend in the southbound I-710 lanes.

Vehicle speeds will be reduced to 45 mph. Oversized loads are not permitted during these times due to narrower lane widths. To decrease delay time, motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the project area. All closures are weather permitting, as paving requires temperatures above 50 degrees and dry conditions.

The construction work involves rehabilitating aging pavement and providing the roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. Roadway widening will occur where possible to provide standard lanes and shoulders, widening the Compton Creek bridge and Atlantic Avenue undercrossings, and overlaying nine miles of the existing pavement with 10½ inches of Long Life Asphalt Concrete.

More information on the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project is available on the Caltrans District 7 website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist07

